



COMPAÑEROS *de las* AMÉRICAS

Youth Ambassadors -Application Form

Participants interested in applying for this program should answer the questionnaire below in English and return it, along with the required documentation (which may be in Spanish), to the address listed below **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 7, 2008**. Applications must be received by that date. Supporting documents should be mailed to the address below:

Fundación de las Américas
Calle N2, Casa E43-107 y Av. El Parque (atrás del Centro Comercial El Bosque)
Quito

For more information, visit the U.S. Embassy website at
[HTTP://SPANISH.ECUADOR.USEMBASSY.GOV](http://spanish.ecuador.usembassy.gov)

IMPORTANT: Written applications and requested documents must be received by **February 7, 2008**. Finalists will be contacted to schedule a written English exam and personal interview in English. Though fluency is not required, participants must have strong English skills as they will be interacting with American families and others in English. The ten Youth Ambassadors will be notified by February 25. Those who do not already have an Ecuadorian passport must apply for one as soon as they are notified of their selection as Youth Ambassadors (financial assistance may be available). They will travel to Quito for orientation and visa processing on April 2-3. Youth Ambassadors will depart for the U.S. April 5 and will return to Ecuador April 19. Those students selected as Youth Ambassadors must qualify for a U.S. visa. For more information on visa requirements, <http://spanish.ecuador.usembassy.gov>

Attach here a color
photo taken within the
last year

Important:

Eligible candidates must meet all of the following pre-requisites and present all required documentation in order to be considered eligible to participate in the selection process:

- 15-18 years old;
- Public high school student;
- Good written and oral skills in English language;
- No previous travel to the U.S.;
- Strong leadership skills;
- Good grades in school;
- Underprivileged socio-economic background;
- Strong commitment/involvement in social responsibility/volunteer projects.

Required Documentation (MAY BE IN SPANISH):

- A recent photograph (color);
- A copy of your identity card;
- A copy of your school registration for 2007;
- A copy of your school record for 2007;
- A copy of your English language school record for 2007;
- A copy of the earning statements from both parents and/or your legal guardian;
- A copy of your residence's most recent electricity bill;
- A letter of recommendation from one of your teachers or the school principal;
- A letter of recommendation from your parents or legal guardian;
- A letter of recommendation from a social project(s) in which you are engaged.

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN ENGLISH

Personal Information:

Complete Name: _____

Date of birth (month/day/year): _____ City/Province of birth: _____

Complete home address (also include city and province):

Home phone: () _____ Cell phone: () _____

E-mail (if applicable): _____

Previous travels abroad:

- To the U.S.: No () Yes () Where/When? _____

- To other countries: No () Yes () Where/When? _____

Medical restrictions (if yes, please specify type of medication used):

Family Information:

Parents: Married () Separated () Deceased: Mother () Father ()

Family size: Number of Brothers: _____

Number of Sisters: _____

Number of family members living with you in the same house: _____

Who do you live with: Parents () Mother () Father () Other (specify): _____

Father's complete name: _____

Father's occupation: _____

Father's employer (name of organization): _____

Father's salary (attach a copy of earning statement): _____

Father's level of education: Primary () Secondary () University () Graduate studies ()

Father's home address: _____

Father's home phone: () _____ Office phone: () _____

Cell phone: () _____

Mother's complete name: _____

Mother's occupation: _____

Mother's employer (name of organization): _____

Mother's salary (attach a copy of earning statement): _____

Mother's level of education: Primary () Secondary () University () Graduate studies ()

Mother's home address: _____

Mother's home phone: () _____ Office phone: () _____

Cell phone: () _____

Educational Data:

Name and complete address of the school where you study (include city and province):

Current grade at regular school (attach a copy of your school record for 2007):

Do you study English in a Language institute? If so, please provide name and address of institute (attach a copy of your academic record for 2007):

Volunteer/Social Initiative:

List name(s) of organization(s), type(s) of social work/volunteerism initiatives you are engaged in and number of years you have been involved in each of the activities. Also, briefly describe the work that you do, how often you participate in these activities and how many people are benefited from this initiative. (Attach a letter of recommendation in Spanish or English from the director of the organization(s) you volunteer at):

Your interest in the Youth Ambassadors' Program:

Why do you want to become a Youth Ambassador? (You may attach additional pages)

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Candidate's signature: _____